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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Ex. Anthony D. Barfield

Art Unit: 3636

Re: Application of:

David S. Breed et al.

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For:

Vehicular Seats Including Occupant Protection Apparatus

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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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December 24, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 24, 2003 which set a shortened statutory period for reply expiring on December 24, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

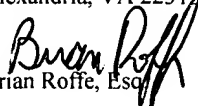
INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Argument begin on page 11 of this paper.

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